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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPENDENTS TO BEIRUT

REF: A) BEIRUT 3339 (NOTAL) B) STATE 158658 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH COM REQUEST THAT DEPENDENT CHILDREN AS WELL AS SPOUSES BE PERMITTED TO JOIN THEIR PARENTS IN BEIRUT AT THEIR OPTION. WE CONCUR THAT GIVEN AGES OF CHILDREN INVOLVED AS DESCRIBED PARA 1-A, REFTEL, MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN SUB-TEENS AND TEENAGERS IS IMPRACTICAL. IN ADDITION TO THE SIX CHILDREN LISTED REFTEL A, DCM LANE MAY OPT TO BRING HIS 14 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER CONFIDENTIAL

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TO POST. CONCURRENCE BASED UPON PREMISE THAT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO POST WILL NOT VARY APPRECIABLY THROUGH JUNE 1978. THEREFORE, TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN WILL LIKELY REMAIN AT APPROXIMATELY THE SEVEN LEVEL THROUGH THIS PERIOD.

2. EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL AND/OR VISITATION RIGHTS FOR COM'S

19 YEAR OLD SON AND OTHERS IN SIMILAR STATUS ARE COVERED IN DIFFERENT REGULATIONS AND PRESENT NO PROBLEMS ASSUMING SECURITY SITUATION IS SATISFACTORY AT VACATION TIME.

- 3. RECOGNIZE CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE POST APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 10-15, SINCE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL REOPENS SEPTEMBER 25. WOULD APPRECIATE SEPTEMBER 1 BEIRUT SITREP CONFIRMING THAT SECURITY SITUATION STILL PERMITS RESIDENCE OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN.
- 4. IN OUR VIEW, DECISION TO PERMIT RETURN OF DEPENDENTS
  DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN PERMISSION FOR SHIPMENT OF
  PERSONAL VEHICLES. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR RELIABLE
  LOCAL TAXI SERVICE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED BY THESE NEW DEPENDENTS? WE REALIZE THIS
  MAY POSE AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN, BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
  PREFERABLE TO ALLOWING ALL AMERICANS AT POST TO DRIVE THEIR
  OWN VEHICLES, GIVEN BEIRUT TRAFFIC AND CONTINUING UNCERTAIN CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY. VANCE

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